

abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him" (Ephesians 1: 6-9).

**Frank Rowley**



## 2010 Activities at Hunslet Church of the Nazarene

- 2 January Church/FEM Coffee morning community outreach
- 6 February Church/FEM Coffee morning community outreach
- 27 February FEM Executive Council Prayer/ Planning Meeting  
(Coffee morning as usual)
- 3 April Church/FEM Coffee morning community outreach  
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# Update

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## New life!

Blessings come in many forms; however one of the greatest blessings anybody can receive is a new life.

On Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2009 at 10.09 pm my wife gave birth to Madison, our new life at only 6 lb 10 oz. Hopefully how she arrived was how she meant to go on, QUIETLY!

The birth of Madison has given us a new sense of hope and joy, and reminded me of the last major birth within my family, the day I was born again. Isn't it funny how new births always come with new hopes and joys?

Jesus told us that in order to inherit the kingdom of heaven we must be born again (John 3:3), and by being born again we become a new creation; "the old has gone, the new has come" (2 Cor 5:17). Think about this for a second, how a new creation makes new changes within our lives, it all comes part and parcel of Gods many gifts we take for granted.

A new baby, a new life, a new hope for the future all wrapped up and given to us by God in love. A new Life in Christ is also a new hope for the future all wrapped up and given to us by God in love. Yet with all the gifts we receive from people of this world we always find it possible to say thank you, how often do we say thank you for the gifts of God, especially the gift of new birth in Christ Jesus?

*Heavenly father, I give you thanks and praise for this wonderful gift you have given us. New birth is always a blessing especially being born again. May my heartbeat sing praises to your glorious name, now and forever. Amen.*

**George Roach**

Congratulations to Richard Cook on gaining his  
third doctorate.



# Faith is the Foundation of our Future

“By faith he (Moses) forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. Through faith he kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days. By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace” (Hebrews 11:27-31)

Five examples of faith are given here in five enlightening episodes of history. In five large steps of believing faith we travel together from Egypt to Canaan. Faith is good for the feet and for the heart. The Lord of history loves faith in his people, indeed without faith it is impossible to please him. With faith it is almost impossible not to please him. Reason helps us to appreciate the visible material world around us. Faith is a lovely gift from God that enables us to appreciate the eternal realities of a loving invisible God who in the beginning created heaven and earth. Faith can also blend with reason and taking one beyond the scientific facts of the laboratory.

## **Faith in the Invisible One – Him Whom is Invisible**

Faith locks believers into a living spiritual reality. We are born again into freedom and a certain future of everlasting life. Reason alone says the Bible is a world best selling book. Faith tells me it is the living Word of God speaking direct to me. This is a faith that goes beyond reason, but not in contradiction to reason. It is a willingness to trust in, rely on and cling to God. Faith is much more than bare belief, or intellectual understanding.

## **Faith does not Fear**

By faith he (Moses) forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. God was greater than the situation in Egypt and greater than an angry fuming Pharaoh! Bondage became belief whilst slavery became freedom of choice. Past weakness was exchanged for a present strength and a future filled with promise. All Christian's are experiencing the same in life and conduct.

## **Faith says Farewell**

Seeing the Invisible One helps one say goodbye to the old way of life and to walk in a new way. We follow our Lord Jesus Christ who is the Way the Truth and the Life. We see life in the light of eternity and that position enables us to attempt great things in faith for Christian's have inspiration of vision so they see things in a very different light. We see clearly what other people fail to see.

## **Faith finds Safety and Rest**

The people celebrated the Passover. Safety was secured under the provision and protection of the applied sacrificial blood. On Calvary's Cross Jesus Christ became our Passover in a spectacularly sacrificial manner. Calvary is unique in world history.

## **Faith walks a New Way**

Certainly no men before them had walked through the Red Sea on a designated straight road on the seabed. It was a totally and new experience for the people of Israel. Footsteps of faith leading forward to a focused destination. Canaan was calling, milk and honey preferred to the Egyptian whiplash and brick production.

## **Faith breaks down Barriers**

The walls of the city of Jericho were circled by footsteps of faith seven times. Marathon walks. It was as if this circle had no ending. But it had and down came the stonework in a vertical dive of divine demolition expertise. Faith here was daring, obedient, patient, anticipating with no turning back as one they had to keep going forward. Let our faith today bring down barriers.

## **Faith reached the Gentile People**

Rahab was not Jewish yet she was saved and delivered and became one of the ancestors of the Lord Jesus Christ. Her faith in really difficult circumstances led to her place in redemption history. She was accepted, as is every believer.

## **Faith and the Fulness of Times**

To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. “In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath